THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) There is no provision in the Recruitment Rules for giving any weightage in promotion from the grade of Asstt. Engineer to the Executive engineer to those possessing master's degree in Engineering or equivalent except getting promoted alongwith others in the respective category.

(d) Under the revised Recruitment Rules notified on 29.10.96, the post of Executive Engineer is to be filled up 1/3rd by promotion of Assistant Engineers (Degree Holders) with 8-year's service and 1/3rd by promotion of Assistant Engineers (Diploma Holders) with 10 years service in the grade.

Conversion of land use in Delhi

1067. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion of land use is permissible in Delhi;

(b) if so, the norms therefor;

(c) the number of such cases received in Delhi during the last three years;

(d) the number of cases wherein permission had been granted and the conversion charges collected for the purpose; and

(e) the details of cases rejected during the same period and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planning is a continuous process. The modifications to the land-use plan as per the changing needs of the society for requisite facilitiesis undertaken through the change of land-use/amendment as per the laid down procedures under the Delhi Development Act, 1957.

(c) 43 cases of change of land-use were received by the DDA during the last three years.

(d) Final notification for change of land-use has been issued by the Govt. in 30 cases. No conversion charges have been collected by DDA for above referred cases involving change of land-use.

(e) Nil.

Low Cost Sanitation project

1068. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the achievement, till now of the Low Cost Sanitation project for liberation of scavengers;

(b) how many scavengers have been liberated till now;

(c) whether the project is popular, particularly in the urban slums; and

(d) what steps are being taken to make this project more efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Under the Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for liberation of scavengers, so far 761 schemes covering 1156 towns for a total project cost of Rs. 1062.64 crores have been sanctioned. It involves HUDCO's loan commitment of Rs. 477.32 crores and Government of India's subsidy assistance of Rs. 363.31 crores. Out of this, loan of Rs. 144.44 crores and Government of India's subsidy of Rs. 156.05 crores has been released for implementation of the programme to various States, through HUDCO. The sanctioned scheme envisage conversion of 1925953 units, construction of 1451641